Mr. I. N. Menon.—These bills are supposed to be the pay of teachers and no one signs them. So the manager has to certify that the amounts have been disposed of. Without the acquittance there is no authority to know this. Such being the case and the authorities coming to know that the salaries of teachers are not paid in time this system was insisted.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Have the Government considered the question and taken any steps to stop such measures to see that payments are made in time ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In answer to the question I said that Government have under consideration a change of procedure by which the managers are called upon to submit the bills of previous months so that they will actually receive the amount and be able to disburse the pay in time. I hope that will save the trouble.

House and compound intended for the Consort and children of His Highness the late Ex-Maharaja of Cochin.

227. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any maximum has been fixed by the late lamented the Ex-Maharaja of Cochin or the Government to be paid or spent by the Government for the house and compound intended for His Highness' Consort and children;

(b) whether the Government at any time afterwards fix any maximum amount to be spent for the purpose;

(c) what did the Government spend for the purchase of the house site in Chempukav;

(d) how much has been spent for the construction of the house, out-houses, compound walls, etc., up till now;

(e) have the Government stopped spending on that house and compound now; if not, how much more they intend spending;

(f) were plans and estimates prepared before the construction began and what was the amount estimated;

(g) were there deviations in the construction of that building from the original plan;

(h) how much extra amount did such deviations cost the Government;

(j) were they constructed only after Government sanc-

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tion was obtained or the Government had to ratify them afterwards?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) The cost of acquisition of the site was Rs. 24,648-5-10.

(d) Rs. 23,122-2-10.

(e) Some of the works sanctioned still remain to be completed and a sum of Rs. 6,200 more would be required for payment on that account.

(f) Yes; Rs. 19,000.

(g) Yes.

(h) About Rs. 10,322 over and above the estimated amount of Rs. 19,000.

(j) Most of the deviations were done after obtaining Government sanction. But some of them were done in anticipation of sanction.

Mr. M. Kittunni Menon.—Appointment of.

228. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the date when M. M. Kittunni Menon was appointed Supervisor of the College and the Diwan's House Works;

(2) whether he was not given a scholarship by the Government for his study in the Enginering College;

(3) whether he was not in the British service when he was appointed here;

(4) whether it was not in pursuance of an offer made by the Government to pay him Rs. 100 per mensem up to the end of 1107 and that he would be put in charge of the major works of the Panchayat Department and would be then given an increased salary that he joined the State service;

(5) whether they will be pleased to place copies of the correspondence that passed between the Government and Mr. Kittunni Menon on the above matter on the table and the order of his appointment;

(6) whether Mr. Kittunni Menon was not asked to scrutinise Panchayat estimates and supervise important Panchayat works from Thulam 1108;

(7) whether his pay was not then raised to Rs. 150 a month;

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